1	2	3	4	5
Domestic	39.71	43.34	47.92	52.54
	——	——	——	——
	18.00	18.17	18.46	18.87
Government	18.07	18.97	20.15	23.54
Institutions	——	——	——	——
	8.19	7.95	7.76	8.46

The data for the year 1996-97 has so far not become available.

Projections made in 15th Electric Power Survey for energy demand for various sectors for 2001-02 is as follows :

Sector	(Million Units)
Domestic	105585.52
Commercial	31558.72
Government Institutions	24426.35
Agriculture	108249.19
Industrial	175092.96
Other	4083.04

Post Offices Run by Private Persons

3716. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Post Offices in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh which are being run by the Private persons, district-wise;

(b) the number of persons who are being paid salary by the Government and the amount of monthly salary thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to take over such Post Offices; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) There is no Post Office which is run by Private persons. Post Offices are manned either by Departmental employees of Extra departmental employees who are appointed by the Department.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Train Accidents

3717. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of train accidents which have occurred between Beena and Hoshangabad in Madhya Pradesh during each of the last three years;

(b) the causes of the above accidents;

(c) the details of compensation provided to those killed and injured in these accidents; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that no such accidents take place in the said area in future?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Information is as under :

1994-95: 7 (Collision - 1, Derailments - 6)

1995-96: 1 (Level crossing)

1996-97: 8 (Derailments - 6, Level crossing -1 and fire in train - 1)

(b) Human failure and equipment failure.

(c) Compensation will be paid soon after the claims are decreed by the Railway claims Tribunal. However, an ex-gratia payment of Rs. 56,000/- has been paid to the dependents of killed and to the injured in these accidents.

(d) Some of the steps taken to prevent accidents are as under:

(i) The work of track circuiting has been accelerated on the trunk routes and other important main lines.

(ii) Modification of the signalling circuitry is being carried out to minimise chances of human errors in causing accidents.

(iii) There has been progressive increase in use of Tie Tamping and ballast cleaning machines for track maintenance.

(iv) For monitoring track geometry and running characteristics of the track, sophisticated track recording cars, oscillograph care and portable accelerometer are being progressively used.

(v) Maintenance facilities for coaches and wagons have been modernised and upgraded at many depots.

(vi) To prevent cases of cold breakage of axles, ROH Depots have been equipped with ultrasonic testing equipment for detection of flaws in the axles.

(vii) Whistle boards/speed breakers and road signs have been provided at unmanned level crossings and visibility for drivers has been improved.

(viii) Audio-visual publicity campaigns to educate road users on how to make a safe crossing are conducted.

(ix) Steps have been taken to prevent inflammable and explosive materials from being carried in passenger trains.

(x) Training facilities for drivers, guards and staff connected with train operation have been modernised including use of simulators for training of drivers.

(xi) Refresher courses are regularly organised at specified intervals.

(xii) Performance of the staff connected with train operations is being constantly monitored and those found deficient are sent for crash training.

(xiii) Periodical safety drives are conducted to inculcate safety consciousness among the staff.

[English]

Gas Allocation to Pipavav Project

3718. SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJBHAI CHIKHALIA :
SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI :
SHRI KASHI RAM RANA :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have made any commitment of gas allocation from Tapti Gas field to Pipavav project in Gujarat;

(b) if so, whether allocation of gas has not so far been made;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the alternative arrangement Government propose to allocate gas to Pipavav power project from such other source?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (d) It was decided by the Central Government is 1989 to allocated Tapti gas to the Pipavav power project in Gujarat. At that time, there was a decision that the gas from Gandhar Gas field will be taken to Hazira and HBJ pipeline. Subsequently, at the request of Government of Gujarat, Gandhar gas was allocated to two power projects at Gandhar. Consequently, it was decided to take Tapti gas to Hazira and HBJ to meet existing commitments. Government of Gujarat has been advised to base the Pipavav project on alternative fuel.

[Translation]

Ban on 'Direct to Home' T.V. Service

3719. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA :
SHRI CHHATAR SINGH DARBAR :
SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Direct to Home' T.V. Service has been totally banned;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time since when this ban has been imposed?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) to (c) The Government have introduced the Broadcasting Bill, 1997 in Lok Sabha on 16.5.97, which, *inter-alia*, provides for regulation and licensing of Direct-to-Home television services. The Bill is currently under consideration of the Joint Parliamentary Committee. With a view to prevent preemption of the proposed broadcasting law by foreign entities, as may be passed by the Parliament in this regard, Ministry of Communications, Department to Telecommunication have issued a notification dated 16.7.97 prohibiting establishment, maintenance, operation and possession of equipments capable of received signal above the frequency band 4800 MHz.

Construction of Bridge over River Ganga in Patna

3720. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether provision has been made in 1997-98 Railway budget for the construction of a bridge in Patna over river Ganga;

(b) if so, the details of works undertaken in this direction upto July, 1997; and

(c) the time by which the above work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Final Location Survey and detailed investigations for this bridge have been taken up through M/s RITES.

(c) During the 10th Plan period subject to availability of resources.

Allocation of Liquid Fuel

3721. SHRI B.K. GADHVI :
SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA :
SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO :
SHRI T. GOVINDAN :
SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA :
SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN :
SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal for allocation of liquid fuel for various power projects in the States particularly in Kerala and Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith their requirement and the actual allocation made, project-wise; and

(c) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to allocate liquid fuel as per requirements to all the States?